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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth, Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY ABOLISHES ALL FELLOWSHIPS OUTSIDE JURISDICTIONS

The National General Assembly of the Church of God in Christ passed a resolution that if enforced will do more to unify the largest Black Pentecostal Denomination than any other effort made by the legislative body in the past four (4) years.

The resolution read as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, the expansion of the Church of God in Christ has become phenomenal, and

WHEREAS, there are more than a hundred bona fide jurisdictions now on record, and

WHEREAS, most states are now divided into several jurisdictions within the state.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all fellowships in any jurisdiction be abolished and instructed to work in peace with some bishop.

Respectfully submitted,
GENERAL BOARD

This decision will encourage state jurisdictions to develop a stronger judiciary system for handling its internal disputes.

The General Assembly also passed on four other resolutions, two of which will be covered in the next issue. One of the very significant ones was submitted by the Interim Board of the Home & Foreign Missions Department. For the past year or more Bishop's F.D. Washington, J.A. Blake and C.L. Anderson have been leading this department until it was possible to establish permanent leadership for it. The General Assembly was pleased to hear how close they are to this end.

The resolution read as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Bishop's F.D. Washington, J.A. Blake and C.L. Anderson were appointed as the Interim Board of the Home and Foreign Mission Department of the Church of God in Christ by the Presiding Bishop and General

WORLD RENOWNED CRUSADER TO ADDRESS CONGRESS

One of Americas most celebrated youth leaders, Evangelist, and author has been invited to address the 40th session of the International Youth Congress of the Church

Board, and

WHEREAS, the Interim Board was designed to upgrade and plan a structure by which the Board can function for its total purpose both at home and abroad, and,

WHEREAS, since the Leadership Conference in 1974 a greater sense of understanding the relationship of the Department including a growing sense of awareness for total involvement resulting from the class in Mission, and

WHEREAS, our financial returns as reflected in our financial report have been greater than ever, making it possible to meet every grant and extending many grants hereto-fore neglected, and

WHEREAS, we witnessed the greatest Mission Conference in Chicago, Ill. in 1974 and a high

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of God In Christ. The Rev. David Wilkerson who is founder and leader of teen challenge has been invited by Bishop William James to speak to one of the largest black youth meetings in the country.

David Wilkerson is the infamous country minister who left his small but fast growing congregation in the late 1950's to come to New York City to labor for the Lord in the ghettos with drug addicts, delinquents, and other troubled youth. Out of this ministry grew teen challenge, a Christian organization for youth with chapters in major cities throughout the world.

David Wilkerson was first moved to this kind of youth work during the famous trial in New York City where seven boys were on trial for the brutal attack and murder of a fifteen year old polio victim. They had stabbed their victim seven times with their knives, then beat him over the head with Garrison Belts. Wilkerson went to New York to help those boys. He started what seemed a lonely and seemingly doomed crusade.

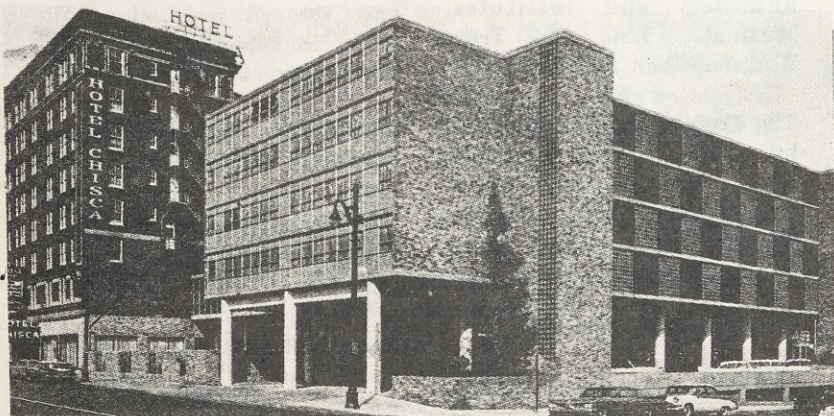


REV. DAVID WILKERSON

He went into the streets and slums of New York to preach of redemption to the Big city's gang kids - teenagers hardened to every kind of crime and viciousness

At first they sneered and threatened him. Then one day the miracle he needed happened and a rowdy group of tough gang members watched as their leaders knelt in the street and prayed. Today Wilkerson is responsible for producing the fastest growing youth movement in America. He is also well known as a speaker and respected authority on the younger generation.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONVENTION CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Nearly Twenty-five years ago the youngest National Supervisor of women in the History of the Church of God in Christ got permission from Bishop C. H. Mason, to create an International Women's Convention of the Church of God in Christ. This convention was to provide for the female constituency of the church their most unique opportunity for christian fellowship and work with one another.

Now twenty-five years later the women will meet in San Francisco, California to celebrate the Silver Anniversary of what began as just a dream in the mind of Mother Lillian Brooks Coffey, the founder of the International Women's Convention. From May 20th

through May 25th thousands of christian women from all over the world will meet in this Historic city trying to pay tribute to an organization that has done more to inspire women's work than any other convention of its kind. During this convention a special program has been planned to honour all those who have followed this convention for its entire 25 year history. On Civic Night the Silver Stars (The special Anniversary Committee of 100) will be acknowledged. The theme for this meeting will be "Better Homes, Better Schools, Better Community, Better World."

The Convention program will consist of an Institute and Workshop, A Post tour to Hawaii, A Civic Night, the

Annual Roll-Call, the Morning Devotions conducted by Bishop Crouch, and many other events designed to inspire women to faithful and effective christian labor. The Pre-Musical will convene Tuesday, May 20th, of the Convention. For information about the special convention Train, contact Sister Anna Ford, 1431 South Christiana Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60623. Mother Anne L. Bailey will be presiding.

Mother Anne L. Bailey, had been serving as President of this International Convention for the past 11 years.

She has given her very life to the church. A woman of distinction in her chosen field, she has carved a place unequalled in christianity.



GUEST EDITORIAL

WHAT DID JESUS REALLY SAY?

By Robert Mounce

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"I have noticed that sometimes a saying of Jesus is recorded differently when it is reported in more than one Gospel. How can this be if the Bible is inspired?"

I remember what a surprise it was when as a young man I discovered this very fact. I was studying a parallel edition of the Gospels and almost from the outset was faced with the problem that while the Gospel writers did not really change the gist of what Jesus said, they did not put out the same words in His mouth. Somehow I felt that where Scripture introduced a saying with the formula "Jesus said" we should expect to have the very words of Jesus.

I am not sure whether I would have been even more confused if I had known at the time that Jesus did not speak in the language in which the New Testament was written. At the very first stage of transmission translation into a foreign language was involved.

It will be well to supply an example or two for purposes of comparison.

Matt 9:2: "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." Mark 2:5: My son, your sins are forgiven." Luke 5:20: "Man, your sins are forgiven you."

Matt 24:15: "So when you see the desolating sacrilege spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place." Mark 13:14: "But when you see the desolating sacrilege set up where it ought not to be." Luke 21:30: "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near."

It is obvious that these parallel passages are not verbally the same. It is also obvious that they communicate the same basic idea. The question raised is how can we accept the verbal differences and still maintain a doctrine of inspiration. It would seem that Jesus either said exactly what the Gospel writer wrote that He said or He did not. In that case, if Mark is accurate, how could Matthew or Luke give us a different set of words?

I believe it will be helpful to reflect that the doctrine of inspiration has to do with that superintending activity of the Holy Spirit upon men chosen by God so that what they wrote is trustworthy and authoritative (cf. Carl Henry's article on inspiration in Baker's Dictionary of Theology, pp. 286-289). Inspiration does not guarantee that the gospel writers recorded the ipsissima verba (the very words) of Jesus. It is theoretically possible that a saying of Jesus could be accurately communicated by any one of several arrangements or words and phrases. Each would say the same but none would be exactly like another. Inspiration guarantees only that the way each writer chose to record the saying did not distort the meaning or in any way diminish the authority of the utterance. Inspiration provides us with an accurate and reliable account of what was said or done. The choice of individual words and their arrangement into meaningful phrases is the work of the writer.

One additional consideration should be noted. Since we have none of the original documents of the New Testament how can we be sure that copyists down through the centuries have not distorted our Scripture? Once again, it is not the doctrine of inspiration that safeguards the transmission of the text. It can be argued, of course, that God Scripture would also see to it that it would be accurately preserved in transmission. We do have, however, thanks to the continuing labors of textual critics, a remarkably accurate restoration of the original text. Some 5,000 Greek manuscripts, in part or in whole, are available for the painstaking work of reconstructing a text which for all practical purposes does not authenticate the reconstructed text. The science of textual criticism has placed in our hands what must be considered as a working duplicate of the original. A highly accurate copy of the inspired original gives us full confidence that the sayings of Jesus as recorded by the synoptists provide us with the ipsissima vox (voice) Jesus if not his ipsissima verba.

40TH INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS CONVENES

AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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The International Youth Congress of the Church of God in Christ announces its 40th Session to be held at the National Headquarters. For years the congress has convened in most states except Tennessee. This year the Youth from churches all over the world will meet in the most significant historical site to the members of the Church of God in Christ. They will worship and fellowship at not only the home

of their founding father, Bishop C. H. Mason, but the place where their spiritual and denominational ancestors have met for the past seventy years. As early as 1908 one of America's largest Pentecostal bodies has been meeting in Memphis, Tennessee. It was here that Bishop Mason called a conference of all ministers who believed in receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost according to the Scriptures in Acts 2: 1-4. It



ANSWERS
TO
YOUR QUESTIONS
by
Bishop J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop of C.O.G.I.C.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Dear Bishop,

I First would like to say how happy I am there is a column such as this.

My question is this-I have a new group of young people who can't see anything wrong with participating in recreational activities such as sports, movies, hunting, fishing, etc. I would like to know does the Church have any clear ruling about this? If so what are the guidelines?

Elder C. Wallace
Baltimore

Answer:

Dear Elder Wallace,

It is understandable why your young people don't see anything wrong in certain recreational activities. They only hear it condemned verbally and at the same time see us attend the movies, baseball games, boxing matches, tennis games, football games etc., in the privacy of our homes, by television; also going fishing and hunting.

Zeal made us condemn many things we later found not to be necessarily sinful and now our pride is at stake. It should be understood that even professional sportsmen are not gambling when they participate, it is an occupation for which they are paid a salary. Apostle Paul, often referred to some kind of sports to emphasize his sermons. If more of us had learned to be good sportsmen when we were younger, perhaps we wouldn't be "taking our ball and bat going home because they won't always let us be the pitcher" in the game of life.

was also here that the first Pentecostal General Assembly of the "Church of God in Christ" was organized. It was from this small plot of ground that the Church has grown from ten congregations in 1907 to nearly three million members, according to the office of the General Secretary.

The Headquarters for the International Youth Congress will be the Chisca Plaza Hotel which is owned and operated by the Church of God in Christ. The Congress will consist of morning prayer and worship services, Evangelistic Outreach Crusade, Soul winners Retreat, Seminars and Institutes, Musicals, Tots and Teens Workshops and a children hour.

This Congress will be highlighted by a Bible quiz contest, charm school, oratorical contest, talent contest, Miss Youth congress formal banquet, and many outstanding guest speakers.

Memphis, Tennessee

GENERAL INFORMATION

Memphis has a moderate climate with warm, but not hot summers. It is recommended that casual, lightweight clothing be worn throughout the Congress. We do not consider pant-suits, slacks, shorts, or extremely short dresses to be proper apparel in the Youth Congress. All should dress as becometh holiness. For information regarding the souvenir book write to: Bishop W. James, 2132 Glenwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43620 - Charm School and "Mr. and Miss Youth Congress," to Mrs. Jean Mitchell, 1520 Atoll Drive, Dallas, Texas 75216 - Music and Choir participation in Congress, to Mrs. Pearlina Ford, 1201 W. 51st Place, Los Angeles, California 90037 - Bible Quiz

Contest, to Elder E. Ferrell, 10630 Pearman Street, Oakland, California 94603 - Special Talent, to Miss L. Whitehead, 67 Tennyson, Highland Park, Michigan 48203 - Awards and Scholarships, to Elder L. C. Gant, 1301 E. Redbird Lane, Dallas, Texas 75241.

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- *Badge and Lesson Plans

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Be sure to include \$7.00 Congress registration fee for each person registered, and a list of names and addresses for all persons in your group requesting space, and remit the same by money order, cashier check, or certified check payable to "International Youth Congress." Absolutely no personal checks will be accepted.

FOR CONGRESS INFORMATION:

Write to the President, Secretary, Chairlady, or Elder L. M. Haley, 539 George St., Memphis, Tenn. 38109

FROM "OUT KANSAS WAY"

by
Mrs. LaVerna M. Hollie
Topeka, Kansas

"...and the young and the old shall go forth together"...and they did!

"...oh, what a foretaste of GLORY DIVINE"...and it was! February 15, 1975, note it, my friends, for it was a "GREAT DAY" in the Central Jurisdiction of Kansas. And it all took place in Topeka, Kansas, in one of the greatest fellowship services of the Central Jurisdiction since its inception, according to Bishop I. B. Brown, Jurisdictional Bishop.

It was a cold day, outside, that is, and the heaviest accumulation of snow for the year had piled high with a prediction of more to come, making automobile travel virtually impossible or very risky.

The service had already begun as this writer entered the auditorium. I paused momentarily after glancing quickly over the congregation. A commonly used phrase came to mind—"people do and go, when and where, they will and want." I also thought about the public relations theme, "THE SAINTS ARE HERE!" which was so ubiquitously proclaimed via billboards, buses, display windows, etc., throughout the city of Memphis, Tennessee during the 1973 International Convocation of the Church of God in Christ! In spite of weather conditions, "THE SAINTS WERE HERE" at the Central Jurisdiction Fellowship Service at Faith Temple Church of God in Christ.

For the most part, this service was uniquely predicted throughout the afternoon during the Great Northern District business meeting which convened earlier in the day at Bishop Brown's home church

across the way. Most everyone seemed to be eagerly looking forward to the evening service, in-so-much, that one would catch such expressions as—"we're going to have a time tonight"; "I wouldn't miss tonight's service for anything"; "I can hardly wait, I'll be there," quipped Elder George Nelson of the First Church. "A GREAT FELLOWSHIP SERVICE is scheduled for tonight!" exclaimed Bishop Brown and a hearty "AMEN" followed. So you see, it was already in the making!

The service heightened following an exultant and spirited testimony service led by Missionary Jacqueline Page and Brother Anthony Divers of Faith Temple and the First Church. Singing from the Divers family and the combined choirs of Faith Temple Church was seemingly enjoyed by all.

As the host-church pastor, Elder Ronald Lassiter, presented Bishop I. B. Brown to the congregation, Sis. Myrtle Brown of the First Church led the congregation in singing, "My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me."

Bishop Brown declared forth with, that the theme at this point in time, should be, and is, "LORD MAKE US ONE!" Bishop Brown further declared, "We didn't come together tonight to hear preaching, no, no, but rather, to PRAISE THE LORD... SHOUT... AND DANCE!!"

In his conclusion, Bishop Brown led all the ministers from the pulpit to the floor to extend the right hand of fellowship to all the newcomers to the Central Jurisdiction and others. And on this note, the "ONE PLACE—ONE ACCORD" principle, sanctioned and endorsed by heaven and eternity, PREVAILED!!...ZION REJOICED!! It was a GREAT DAY in the Central Jurisdiction for GOD IS BUILDING UP ZION'S WALLS!

PRAYER ON JACKSON STATE CAMPUS

The COGIC (Church of God in Christ) Collegiate Club of Jackson State University has organized a Prayer Group which meets daily from 12:00 noon until 12:30 p. m. in Seminar Room 2 of the H. T. Sampson Library.

The Prayer Group was organized by Mr. Selven Smith, a senior Social Work major. He feels that prayer is needed on Jackson State University campus as well as on other campuses. He also feels that through prayer many young people lives will have a meaning and the idea of living a Christian life would be more realistic.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Amazing Church of God in Christ, 1411 Robinson Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Elder Marcus L. Butler is the host pastor.

The Prayer Group welcomes the presence of anyone who would like to attend. It is our hope that the group will expand as the school year progresses.

HAYNES CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, 2830 ROSS AVENUE, FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76106

"I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalms 34:1

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

God is so beautifully blessing Haynes Chapel. We are continuing to go higher and higher, both naturally and spiritually. He has blessed us with a progressive, mission-minded pastor with vision.

Bishop Haynes saw a natural and spiritual vision for Haynes Chapel. In his natural vision, he saw the remodeling of Haynes Chapel. We now have a balcony and an enlarged fellowship hall. We are proud of our church and it makes us feel good for admiring visitors to walk through our doors.

Our pastor saw another vision, one of fellowship, a need for

togetherness for the people whom God has placed him to lead and those who would share in a mass Thanksgiving. You see, for many of us, Thanksgiving is more than just a national holiday, usually celebrated by eating and drinking.

This past November marks the 5th anniversary of our Thanksgiving Holiday Retreat. Sister Annie Hogan called it, "Thanksgiving Holiday Revival," and that it most certainly was, for you could feel the presence of God throughout the building, and to just see the people crying out for the Lord! I wished you could have been here.

Sister Hogan and the Northeast Texas Gospel Ensemble were just great. Ernest Gray has done a magnificent job of training and directing the Ensemble. Other guests were Christ Temple of Lubbock, Texas, whom Bishop Haynes also pastors. Needless to say, we always enjoy Christ Temple, not only are they one of the best choirs in our Church, but I personally feel a very special closeness to them. Sister Myrta Haynes, our pastor's very talented wife and Elder Levi Lenley have done a wonderful job with this choir. Other guests from the Fort Worth, Dallas area were present.

Our retreat, which began on Thanksgiving night ended Sunday evening. We had a wonderful soul winning clinic, conducted by our pastor; a music workshop and mass rehearsal, conducted and directed by Elder Levi Lenley, a very gifted young man, in both music and in the ministry. Saints, we have so much to be thankful for. As I saw and heard the young people perform during this retreat, my soul rejoiced. One of the young ladies that accompanied Sister Annie Hogan gave a beautiful testimony to the young people, how God had saved her and delivered her of drugs and prostitution. Saints, let's encourage our young people to live for God, first, by being an

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Greetings in Jesus Name to the Saints of God everywhere from the State of Wisconsin, N. W. under the leadership of State Bishop P. J. Henderson and Mother Elnora Austin.

We are making rapid progress. Thank God for the pastors and Evangelists of N. W. who are filled with brotherly love, according to the Scripture; Heb. 13:1. They are young men filled with inspiration and stands firm with our beloved Bishop. 1974 has closed, but truly it has been a banner year: souls have been saved, bodies healed and we have had gospel preaching. We are happy and feel blessed of the Lord that the peace among us is sweet and our hearts rejoice, because God is in the midst of us.

During our State Meeting last year, it was filled with God's spirit each night. And each meeting that was held was well attended. Our State Bishop was blessed to complete his new church, and it is beautiful. We

example and secondly, by not putting them out. The Bible says, "We all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Has it been so long that you can't remember your sins? Young people look around. God is able to do all things. Wait on Him, give your life to Him now. You can make it. GOD HAS THE BEST. I challenge not only the young people to try Him, but those of you who think you've got it made (with one foot in and the other out). I know God is real, and unless you completely surrender to His Will, not only are you going to be lost, but you don't know what trouble is, yet. May God continue to bless each of you, will you pray for us?

Bishop W. D. Haynes, Pastor
Sis. Doris Jackson,
Corresponding Secretary

thank God for his lovely wife. She stands right by his side and is very helpful to Bishop, also the saints of our church and the state.

We are very grateful to God for the faithful membership, who worked with our Bishop wholeheartedly in building God's House. We thought of Bishop Henderson as Jeremiah, building the wall. We are looking forward to another great year for the Lord. Every department of the state is organized and ready to began work, during this New Year, 1975: our women work as well.

Pray that we may accomplish our goal.

Amanda Howard, Reporter

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WHAT YOUR FAITH CAN DO

to yonder place; and it shall remove, and nothing shall be impossible unto you." (Matt. 17:14-20)

Paul and Barnabas preached the gospel in Lystra. "And there sat a man... crippled from his mother's womb, who never had walked."... Paul... perceiving that he had FAITH to be healed, said with a loud voice, stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked. (Acts 14:8-10).

Peter preaching the gospel saying, "...God which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost... purifying their hearts by FAITH." (Acts 15:8-9).

"FAITH is the substance (assurance) of things hoped for, the evidence (a conviction) of things not seen." (Heb. 11:1).

FAITH is the way of God, and without FAITH it is impossible to please him (GOD)." (Heb. 11:6). FAITH is loyalty, belief and reliance upon the Word of God. "FAITH cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (Rom. 10:17). Noah's FAITH caused his whole family to be saved from the flood. Moses' FAITH brought deliverance to a whole nation. Abraham's FAITH brought a blessing to the entire world.

MOTEL PROPRIETOR URGES THEFT OF BIBLES

LOUISVILLE, KY. — "Steal this book," reads the note on the front of a paperback Bible placed in each of the 40,000 Days Inn motel rooms.

The idea was the brainchild of Cecil Day, son of a Baptist minister and owner of the Atlanta-based chain of 200 budget-priced motels.

Each of his hotels—including those controlled by franchises—also features a local chaplain-on-call program, according to Dianne Aprille, Louisville Times staff writer.

Most of the hotel managers and guests respect Day's religious convictions. Fifty percent of those who pass through a motel end up taking the Bibles with them when they leave.

Day estimates that close to 600,000 Good News for Modern Man Bibles have disappeared from his motel rooms since 1970, when Day dedicated one of his first motels in Jacksonville, Fla. The Bibles cost Day 31 cents a piece, but he chalks it up as a good investment.

"I'm sure they've helped a lot of people," Day says, adding that the number of "borrowed Bibles" has increased by 50 to 60 percent since the "Steal this book" message was added.

Gideon, Barak, David, etc., FAITH subdued the kingdom, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouth of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword... waxed valiant in war, turned to flight the armies of the aliens... (Heb. 11:7-40).

Your FAITH in God can bring a living reality in your life. Jesus said, Have FAITH in God. For verily, I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this MOUNTAIN, Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore, I say unto you, what things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." (Mk. 11:23-24). LET US PRAY: Lord, increase my faith so that I can receive your blessings through faith. Amen.

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READER'S WRITE

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and stitch as unto the Lord! Let us not let our sewing circle die in the church, some stitches for Christ might save some souls: now abideth faith, hope, charity these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Elder W. R. Morrow, Pastor
Missionary A. O. Smith, District
Missionary

"COME ALIVE, WIN A SOUL IN 75"

TOLEDO, OHIO

Holy Greetings from the St. James Holiness Church of God in Christ, located 801 Vance St. Toledo, Ohio: where the beloved shepherd is the Bishop Wm. James. Truly we give thanks to God for his greatness. For that is just what God is a "Great God", all by himself, he needs no-one else. Many have said, "Tis the season to be jolly", for we must admit, Tis the season to be thankful to God and we are.

On this past year God has been so good to us. In thanking him, we were blessed to join forces with our sister church, Zion, located 1215 Oakwood. We had a wonderful time in the Lord, that thanksgiving day. Not only did we feast together on the word of God, but we also went down to dine naturally. We ate until we were filled, both ways. We even had a greater time in the Lord at the year's ending watch night service. The churches came together again. This time at our church, St. James, our very special guest was Bro. Vernard Johnson. He ministered unto us on his saxophone as only he can do. While the power of God moved through the services nightly.

We were blessed to have Elder Ladelle Thomas from Wayco, Texas, as our guest on this past month. Expounding in the word as only he can do. On Sunday,

Dec. 15, 1974 was our "Annual Out Reach Day", each member were to bring a guest. There was a great outpour. Our Sunday School was filled, both junior and senior depts. During service time the church was filled to it's capacity, one of the most soul-stirring songs that was sung that morning was sung by the sunshine band, "Behold, Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man hears my voice and will open the door, I'll come in". How timely a song. Our beloved shepherd, Bishop James, preached a soul-searching message. Conviction was in the air, as the power of God filled the room.

As you see here at St. James we are not looking for membership's greatest gains, nor some great monitorial, commitment. We are not looking for popularity gains, but we are concerned with souls. Soul winning is our goal. We want to more than all this year, to come alive, win a soul in 75. Be ready, set and fix in 76 and by chance we have not gone to heaven in "77" we will be straight in "78". We are doing our best in trying to show men, how to get to Heaven from 801 Vance St. St. James Holiness Church of God in Christ, Toledo, Ohio.

We believe once you come to St. James, you will never be the same. We are praying for you and hope you are doing the same for us.

Sis. Kathy Glover, Reporter
Bishop Wm. James, Pastor

*"Not By Might, Nor By Power,
But My Spirit, Saith The Lord
Of Hosts." Zach. 4:6*

Holy Greetings to the saints of God everywhere from the Metropolitan District of the Church of God in Christ, Denver, Colo. We are praising God for victory through His Son Jesus Christ.

Truly God blessed us with one of the most glorious district meetings we have ever had. The spirit of the Lord was present throughout the entire meeting. The meeting was held Feb. 4-9, 1975 at the True Faith Church of God in Christ, Denver, Colo. Host Pastor-Elder Byers.

Each night the services were spirit-filled and uplifting as God set his approval on our services. The Lord is truly blessing in the Metropolitan District, in all departments under the illustrious and capable leadership of our Superintendent, Elder W. H. Sims and our district missionary Katie Tatum.

One of the most essential highlights of our district meeting was the daily noonday prayer where God blessed daily, oh, how we magnify the precious name of Jesus. Each night the various auxiliaries took charge.

Inspirational messages were brought by Elder Miller of the True Faith Church of God in Christ; Minister Powell our district Sunday School Superintendent; Elder Ashley, The Superintendent of the

Central District of Colorado. All day Friday, Women's Day and God blessed us to have a glorious topic for our noonday discussion, "Solving Today's Problems." Acts 16:25. Friday evening our district missionary, Mother Katie Tatum brought the most inspiring message of the day, "God's Channel" 2nd Kings 22:14. Every heart was stirred at the height of her message, God showered us with a shout and dance. The old and young went forth together.

Saturday Night, Youth Night, our speaker was Minister Marvin Boyde, a young Minister of God who is truly anointed to preach the word of God.

Sunday services were highlighted with a most wholesome and soul-stirring message by our own district supt. Elder Sims, "Choose Ye This Day." Josh. 24:15. Truly our hearts did burn within as our Superintendent broke the bread of life. Sunday night the message was delivered by Evangelist O. W. Wilson, asking the question, "What Time Is It? It is time to stand up and be counted. Thank God for His manifold blessings.

We were blessed in this district meeting to be honored with the presence of our own Bishop W. B. Odom and His lovely wife, Mother Odom. For many years Mother Odom served as State Mother for Kansas City, Missouri; but as of January, 1975 their permanent residence is Denver, Colo. We thank God for blessing them to be in our District Meeting nightly and also some of our day sessions. Another honored guest was Bishop G. E. Smith; singing and glorifying God each night: God loves and cares for His Own.

Praise God, we are moving forward in the Metropolitan District in Colo. And as we move to higher heights and deeper depts in Christ we desire the prayers of the saints of God everywhere for our continued success in the Lord. May God forever bless and keep you.

Ms. Irene Washington, Reporter

JESUS' HEAD OVER ALL

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3:6.

Words of appreciation to the saints everywhere and all of Tennessee, and especially to the saints from the Temple Church of God in Christ for being so concerned about my sister. Mrs. Velma Booker, thanks for holding on in prayer for her. I thank God for the saints. A special thanks to our Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson, he is a very busy man, but he took time out to pray for Sister Booker and God have delivered her from that bed of affliction. She listens to Bishop Patterson everyday on the radio and she would say, "That's my pastor and he is one preacher". It is surprising and pleasing sometime to know just what people are thinking of you. Because people usually wait until you are dead before they come to see about you, but everyday God had some saints there with Sister Booker. It is encouraging and wonderful for people to give you flowers while you live.

We the family are so thankful that the saints were so concerned about our sister. I know God is a healer, because he healed me and I am yet healed and praising the Lord for it. I want to thank the Lord for her husband, Elder J. E. Booker for being so concerned about her when she could not help herself. Again I want to thank God for our Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson and his lovely wife for being so thoughtful and understanding. May he live long, preach on and when the battle of life is over, may thy wear a crown of righteousness.

We also solicit the prayers of everyone that God will continue to bless and keep us in this evil day.

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allow a further detailed account of what followed, but out of this gathering, two souls were reclaimed to the Lord!...this is the paramount work of the church, all else is essential but secondary. Subject of the message was, "WHY NOT WAIT ON THE LORD!"

On March 8, 1975, the Central Jurisdiction came together again under the auspices of the Women's Department holding their Second Annual Fellowship Dinner at the Young Women's Christian Association building in Topeka.

Bouquets of vivid red, yellow, and white roses, field daisies and spring jonquils with lighted candles, provided a colorful spring-like setting for this festive and gala affair! An eye-catching centerpiece arrangement of Easter lilies and jonquils graced the special guests table with aqua and pastel yellow candles to each side. The entire scene against a background of fastidiously white tables created a scene altogether lovely and conducive to gracious dining!

Following the dinner hour, we were richly favored with an inspirational program consisting of solos, choir singing, readings etc. Mrs. Marie Wilson, mistress of ceremonies, along with the program committee, spared no pains in seeing to this. Mother Martha C. Walker, State Supervisor of the Southwestern Jurisdiction of Kansas, was the principal speaker of the evening. As usual, she brought us a timely an informative message embracing the theme of the occasion which was, "WOMEN OF THE YEAR FOR CHRIST!"

Closing remarks were given by Mother Ida Roach and Bishop I. B. Brown, commending the women's department on this beautiful occasion...it was a blessing both naturally and spiritually, they said.



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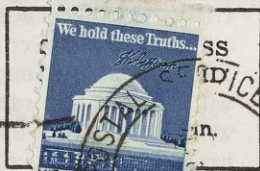
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